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COUNTY EXECUTIVE ISIAH LEGGETT CONDUCTS COUNTY BUDGET FORUM IN THE EAST COUNTY

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Citizenship Classes—The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, in partnership with the Montgomery County Refugee Training Program / Montgomery College, will offer free Citizenship Preparation Classes for East County residents beginning **March 22nd**. The classes will be held at the Regional Services Center, **3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Thurs-**

days, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and will run for **11 weeks**. Students in Citizenship Preparation Classes can prepare to become U.S. Citizens by studying for the three required tests: English, History/Government, and a face-to-face interview with an immigration (USCIS) officer. **Residents must have their Green Card to participate.** To register, contact Ellen Mentzer at 301-650-1404/1405 ellen.mentzer@montgomerycollege.edu



Drivers Safety Class -the nation's first and largest refresher course for drivers age 50 and older, has helped millions of drivers remain safe on today's roads. The AARP Driver Safety class is an 8-hour course that can help you learn not only the effects of aging on driving but also how you can adjust your driving. This event is being sponsored by the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center. The course is designed to help you to: tune up your

driving skills & update your knowledge of the rules of the road, learn about normal age-related physical changes, and learn how to adjust your driving to allow for these changes. Auto insurance companies in most states provide a multiyear discount to AARP graduates. 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904; **Saturday, March 10, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm; Fee: \$10.00; Lang.: English *Limited Seats only! Call # (240) 777-8400 immediately to register !!!***

Now Offering Spanish Classes! Have you thought how nice it would be to have a basic understanding of Spanish? Would you like to be able to communicate with a Spanish speaker regarding one another's needs? The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center is offering **"Critical Aspects of Communicating in Spanish,"** beginning **March 19th**. The class will meet on Monday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with instruction by a native Spanish speaker. This 16 hour course will provide the learner with the basic skills needed to understand and communicate with the Spanish speaker. This course is being offered for a fee of \$50.00 (includes learning materials). To register call 240-777-8400.

APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR EAST COUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

County Executive Isiah Leggett is seeking applicants to fill seven vacancies on the East County Citizens Advisory Board—Three incumbents are eligible to apply for reappointment. The Citizens Advisory Board was formed to ensure active public participation in governmental affairs that directly impact the eastern area of the County. Members serve three-year terms without compensation and usually **meet the first Wednesday evening of each month** at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center. **(contd.. pg #4)**



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CURRENT ON-GOING EVENTS AT THE CENTER

Employment Services

Offered in East County - The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, in cooperation with the Montgomery Works Career Development Center, continues to provide employment assistance on the **third Thursday of each month**. The next day to receive assistance at the Center, located at 3300 Briggs Chaney Road in Silver Spring, is **March 15; 8:30 am to 5:00 pm**. Individuals can get help with skill assessments; resume writing, interviewing, career planning, networking and using computers to find job opportunities. For more

information, or to schedule an appointment, call 240-777-8400

Free Income Tax Preparation - For Middle and Low Income Montgomery County Citizens—Call **301-468-4179** from **9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Mon - Friday**, for an appointment. Silver Spring locations are: ► **Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, 20904 (Bus Line: 39);** ► **Long Branch Library, 8800 Garland Avenue, 20901;** ► **Schweinhaut Sr. Center, 1000 Forest Glen Road, 20901 (Bus Line: 8);** ► **Silver Spring Library, 8901 Colesville Road, 20910 (Bus Lines: 13, 14, 22, Z's) and** ► **White Oak Library, 11701 New Hampshire Avenue, 20904 (Bus Lines: C8, Z2, Z3)**



Free ESOL Classes being offered- The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, in partnership with the Chinese Culture and Community Center, is beginning new daytime ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) classes for adults. The classes meet on **Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon for 20 weeks**. Space is still available for beginners and advanced levels. All classes are offered free of charge, however a \$10 refundable deposit and \$18 book fee are required. Registration and placement testing will take place on the first day of class. To sign up for a class or to receive more information, call 240-777-8400.

EVENTS HELD AT THE EASTERN MONTGOMERY REGIONAL SERVICES CENTER

County Executive's Budget Forum -County Executive Isiah Leggett conducted the last in a series of his Budget Forums on **January 31** - The crowd of over 50 people, asked the County Executive to please preserve or enhance funding in a variety of specialized service and grant programs. The forum lasted approximately 90 minutes during which time everyone wishing to speak was accommodated. Mr. Leggett was even seen chatting with individual residents after the session.

Forum Addressed Local Tenant Concerns - The Tenant Forum held on **February 6th** was attended by thirty three tenants and county department representatives who came to openly discuss renter-related challenges and learn about local services available. It drew residents from Burtonsville, Silver Spring, White Oak, Olney and Takoma Park who wanted answers regarding such issues as "What can be done about the rising rental rates," "How can the eviction process be interrupted," and "Is my rental manager taking advantage of me?" County representatives responding to these concerns included Joy Flood from the Housing Opportunities Commission, Myriam Torrico from Housing and Community Affairs, Rebecca Soubra and Sandra Marshall from Health and Human Services, Monika Megesi from the Conflict Resolution Center, and Captain Betsey Davis and Lt. Porsha Jones of the Montgomery County Police Dept. The Forum was conducted in partnership with Impact Silver Spring.

Financial Management Workshop Helps Residents - A panel representing various areas of financial management presented financial tools and strategies and answered questions on Wednesday, **February 21st**. About 20 residents attended the workshop to learn more about *basic budgeting strategies, credit and debt management, and tips for taking advantage of tax credits*. Susan Morris, Educator with the University of Maryland's Family and Consumer Science Department, discussed such issues as how one qualifies for credit, reducing the cost of credit cards, and debt repayment plans. David Kelly, esq. focused on prioritizing expenses and value shopping in budgeting that makes ends meet. Sheila Woodard, CPA and owner of Woodard and Associates, provided information on tax tips and planning to make the most of tax credits. Panel members concluded their presentation by assisting individual's with questions relating to their personal circumstances.



East County Community Crime Forum - At the specific request of several community groups, the East County Citizens Advisory Board planned and hosted a Community Crime Forum on **February 22, 2007**, to initiate dialogue between the County's 3rd District Police Commander and East County residents. Also at the meeting were representatives from the Recreation Department and Park Police to discuss their roles in supporting the police in crime deterrence and prevention. Commander Betsy Davis and community policing specialist Joy Patil presented to the audience of 50+ residents what the current situation of crime in the 3rd District consisted of, and what measures were being taken. The presentation included tips on how to prevent burglaries of your home and vehicle as well as personal safety measures. Sue Maher, East County Recreational Supervisor, described the various recreation and youth activities being offered, including programs run jointly with the Police and the local middle and high schools.



MEET YOUR COUNTY

This is the second in a series of articles describing services in Eastern Montgomery

Who

Montgomery County Office of Human Rights –East County Regional Office

Mission

To protect against discrimination in employment, commercial and residential real estate transactions, public accommodations, and intimidation on the basis of race, color, sex, religious creed, ancestry, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, family responsibilities, source of income, presence of children (housing only), genetic status (employment only), and age (housing and employment only).

Major Functions

To monitor compliance of human rights laws in Montgomery County and investigate allegations of discrimination and intimidation in the workplace, real estate, and public accommodation.

Services Provided

- Any person who believes himself or herself discriminated against may file a **written complaint** with the Office of Human Rights
- A **personal interview** is held to determine the nature of the allegation, jurisdiction, legal rights, and desired remedies
- A **thorough investigation** is conducted to determine the facts
- Where evidence of discrimination is found, a **conciliation** is attempted and, upon failure, a **public hearing** is held

Other Important Facts

Other programs offered : *The Human Rights Hall of Fame; Human Rights Camps; Fair Housing Testing and Coordination; Hate/Violence Coordination; Network of Neighbors; Study Circles; and the Partnership Board for Victims of Hate/Violence.* Please contact the Human Rights Office for further information on these programs.

Location

Office of Human Rights, 21 Maryland Avenue, Suite # 330, Rockville, MD 20850 and will meet with residents by appointment at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Office, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, upon request

Contact

240-777-8450

Conference Room Layouts at EMRSC

Meeting and conference room space is available for community use. The rooms have wireless internet connectivity, several wall-mounted projector screens and can seat from 20 to 70 persons. To reserve space, call the CUPF agency at 240 777-2706

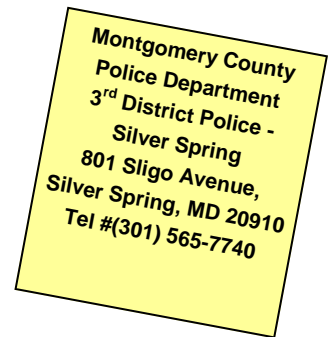


NEWS AND VIEWS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENTS!

Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD)

IMPORTANT POLICE DEPARTMENT HOTLINE NUMBERS

GANG TIP HOTLINE	240-773-4264
DRUG TIP HOTLINE	240-773-3784
ABANDONED VEHICLES	301-840-2454
CRIME STATISTICS LINE	240-773-5125
POLICE NON-EMERGENCY	301-279-8000 (to file a police report)
RECORDS DIVISION	240-773-5330 (to obtain copies of reports)
3rd DISTRICT STATION	301-565-7740 (finger printing/accident reports)
JOB LINE	240-773-5300 (push "5")



For further information, click <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/poltmp.asp?url=/content/pol/ask/silverspring/index.asp>

The Peoples' Community and Wellness Center (TPCWC) at EMRSC

A COOPERATIVE Venture between the People's Community and Wellness Center (TPCWC), Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center (EMRSC) and Mobile Med.

Hours: Monday-Tuesday 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. / Wednesday-Thursday 2:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m. / Friday : 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.



All patients are seen by appointment only. No Walk-Ins will be taken.

Women's Clinic (Appointment Required) : 1st Thursday Night of Every Month

Men's Clinic (No Appointment Required) : 2nd Thursday Night of Every Month

TPCWC and Mobile Medical cannot provide Emergency Care. Patients requiring Emergency Care should dial 911 or report to the nearest hospital emergency room. If you have additional questions, you can contact TPCWC at (301) 847-1172 or www.pcw.onehealthylife.org

APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR EAST COUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

The 18-member board serves as a liaison between the community, the County Executive, County Council, and County government departments by identifying community concerns and recommending possible solutions. It also advises the Director of the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center on *transportation, economic development, housing, education, human services, environment, recreation, public safety, and other issues of importance to the area*. The group reviews and comments on the County's capital and operating budgets and master plans; assists with strategies to tailor services to regional needs; and conducts workshops and forums, as well as acts on other ad hoc issues. The advisory board is representative of more than 110,000 residents in eastern Montgomery County. This area includes the neighborhoods of **Burtonsville, Fairland, White Oak, Cloverly and Colesville**. The service area is bordered on the north by Howard County, on the east by Prince George's County, on the south by Interstate 495 and on the west along Northwest Branch stream to Ednor Road. Interested applicants should write by **March 9** to County Executive Isiah Leggett, Executive Office Bldg, 101 Monroe St., Rockville, MD 20850 or countyexecutive.boards@montgomerycountymd.gov. A letter and a brief resume, including work and home phone numbers, work experience and business, civic or community group associations should be enclosed. Members of County boards, committees and commissions may not serve on more than one such group at a time. Members of this Board are eligible for reimbursement for travel and dependent care for meetings attended. Leggett's appointments are subject to confirmation by the County Council. Applications of those selected for appointment are made public as part of the confirmation process.



Leggett Announces Two Special Appointees - Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett announced his selections for two special appointments to fill vacancies in the departments of Public Works and Transportation and Health and Human Services. To find out who go to: http://montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=3105

Children's Hospital Benefits from Annual Fundraiser by Montgomery County Employees - Montgomery County Chief Administrative Officer Timothy L. Firestone and Department of Technology Services Acting Director Mike Knuppel today presented a check for \$6,595 to Heather Terry, Manager of Workplace Giving for Children's Hospital of Washington, D.C. The check represents the proceeds of the County technology departments annual fundraiser, which concluded in December following a silent and live auction. Department employees also contributed cash to the effort. To read more go to: http://montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=3104

County Offers Driver Screening Tool to County Seniors; Helps seniors drive safely longer - Montgomery County is helping to keep older drivers safe on the road. In partnership with the Mid-Atlantic Foundation for Safety and Education, the Department of Health and Human Services, Aging and Disability Services is offering residents a free computer-based tool called AAA Roadwise review. To learn more go to: http://montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=3075

County Partners with State to Offer Zero Interest Loans to Income Eligible Seniors to Make Homes Accessible –

The Montgomery County Area Agency on Aging, in partnership with the Maryland Department of Aging and the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, offers income-eligible households in Montgomery County zero-interest loans to make homes accessible for seniors. The loans, up to a maximum of \$10,000, are designed to help seniors and individuals with disabilities maintain independence and enable them to live in their own homes, or with loved ones for as long as possible. For more information, call the Senior Information and Assistance Unit at 240-777-3000



Leggett and Council Report on Success of Local Small Business Reserve Program One-Year After Launch; Announces Plans to Expand Program in 2007 - Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett was joined today by Council President Marilyn Praisner, and Councilmembers Nancy Floreen, George Leventhal and Duchy Trachtenberg to report that one year after launch, the County's Local Small Business Reserve Program (LSBRP) has awarded more than 30 percent of available procurement dollars to local small businesses, exceeding the 10 percent requirement. To read more go to:

http://montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=3082



County Offers Information and Referral Line - The Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services offers a free information and referral line for residents looking for information about programs and services. The information line, 240-777-1245 (240-777-1295 TTY), is staffed by information and referral specialists Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The line offers assistance in multiple languages; including Spanish, Chinese and Hindi. Calls received after hours will be referred to the 24-hour Crisis Center. Among the services and programs offered by the Department of Health and Human Services are health care services for the uninsured, mental health services, childcare subsidy programs, financial assistance, services for seniors and persons with disabilities, immunizations, child protective services and addiction services

Montgomery Rx Discount Prescription Drug Cards Available Throughout County - Montgomery County residents who do not have prescription drug coverage are encouraged to use the Montgomery Rx prescription drug discount cards when filling prescriptions. The Montgomery Rx program, launched in December 2004, provides FREE prescription discount cards to County residents, through a program sponsored by the National Association of Counties. The cards are easy to use and offer average savings of 20 percent off the retail price of commonly prescribed drugs. Since the program began, County residents have saved more than \$2.6 million on the price of prescription drugs. For further information go to: http://montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=3073

Montgomery County Named Tree City USA - In honor of its commitment to tree planting and tree care, Montgomery County has been named a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation. It is the twelfth year the county has received this national recognition. To read more, go to: http://montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=3153

County Residents Urged to Keep Safe During Extreme Cold - County Executive Isiah Leggett today urged all Montgomery County residents to take precautions to stay safe during this period of extreme cold. Nothing is more important to us than the safety and health of our residents, said Leggett, and we want to be sure that residents protect themselves and their families from harm while the temperatures remain extremely cold. To learn more go to: http://montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=3092

FOR ADDITIONAL NEWS ON MONTGOMERY COUNTY -
go to <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cittmpl.asp>

**LEGISLATIVE NEWS !!!**

For County Council Agenda, click

http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/council/pdf/agenda/col/2007/No_Back/070227agn.pdf

Community Ministries of Montgomery County (CMMC) has funds to assist BGE customers with paying their utility bills. If you or someone you know needs assistance, please act now while funds are still available. For more info. call 301-315-1107 or 240-777-4034

***Update on Day Light Savings Time !***

In 2007, as a result of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, the start and stop dates for Daylight Saving Time (DST) will **change** from the first Sunday in April and the last Sunday in October **to the second Sunday in March and first Sunday in November**. It essentially made Daylight Saving Time 4 weeks longer. The DST change will affect computers and applications with date and time functions. It is important to note that it is not simply an Operating System issue. Time is managed within hardware, firmware, operating systems, middleware and applications. Many vendors have released or are planning to release patches

Recreation Department— Spring Adult Softball 07 Montgomery County Recreation Department (MCRD) offers many softball programs, including a new 1-pitch league. But hurry. Registration ends March 16 with Opening Day the week of April 16. To learn more go to: http://montgomerycountymd.gov/content/rec/RECORD/articles/february2007/softball_spring07wrap.html

Suggested Early Bird Registrations Department of Recreation Spring Guide available at county libraries, community and aquatic centers, regional services center, by mail or online. Registration opened February 19. To learn more go to: <http://montgomerycountymd.gov/content/rec/RECORD/articles/february2007/earlybird.html>

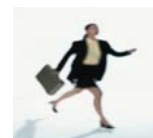
The Maryland –National Capital Park and Planning Commission (Department of Parks) Win a Free Week in the Park—The Montgomery County Department of Parks announces it will offer families the chance to win a FREE week of summer camp by attending either of the Departments two upcoming Park and Recreation Summer Camp Expos. To learn more go to: http://www.mc-mncppc.org/department/news_releases/documents/SummerProgramsFREEWeekinParkReleaseFINAL2-20-07.pdf

Division of Solid Waste Services - Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Update - The first community Household Hazardous Waste collection event for 2007 will operate from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 19, 2007, Silver Spring International Middle School, 313 Wayne Avenue, Silver Spring (Dale Dr. & Wayne Ave.) Reminder: the Shady Grove Transfer Station has a permanent HHW receiving area, open year-round, daily, 9 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hazardouswaste

"Behind the Scenes" - our popular citizens academy begins **April 12, 2007** - Which recyclables are accepted? Why or why not? What happens to material after it leaves your curb? How is household hazardous waste defined? Why worry about it? Learn answers to these questions and many, many more -- join our next "Behind the Scenes" course! This popular, award-winning, free course meets for seven Thursday evenings, starting April 12. To Register, go to: http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/swstmpl.asp?url=/content/dpwt/SolidWaste/education/bts/bts_registration.asp Can't make the class sessions? Consider joining our tours. Have questions? Please call 240-777-6461.

COUNSELING & CAREER CENTER FOR WOMEN

The Montgomery County Commission for Women Counseling & Career Center provides three types of counseling services for adults: *Personal, Couples, and Career.* We offer Personal Counseling for people who are experiencing a wide variety of issues and concerns. Our Career Counseling can help with career planning and work-related issues. Couples Counseling focuses on helping couples improve their communication and problem-solving skills. Counseling sessions are 50 minutes with a fee for Montgomery County residents of \$40. A sliding scale discount may be available for Montgomery County residents. To schedule an appointment, call **(240) 777 - 8300**. To also enroll for training sessions please click www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw or call 240-777-8300 (Voice) /301-279-1034 (TTY)



The Rockville Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its Eighth Annual Women in Business Conference and Tradeshow, featuring nationally recognized expert of the growth of women-owned business and Secrets of Millionaire Women: *How Women Just Like You Built Multimillion Dollar Businesses* author Mary Cantando, as the Keynote speaker. The event will also feature tradeshow booths from over 100 local vendors, a silent auction of over 50 business items and gift items, and power meetings with high profile business leaders, and a rotating experts booth, modeled after Peanuts Lucy The Doctor Is In stand, where attendees can get answers for looming questions. Nearly 1000 people attended the Conference and Tradeshow in 2006. The Conference is designed to train and motivate women, while facilitating business development, selling and lead generation needs. Admission to the conference and luncheon \$99. This year a special Bring-a-Friend rate is being offered: two registrations for \$175. Tickets to the Keynote Luncheon are \$65 per person. Exhibit space is available for 120 exhibitors in the Tradeshow. For more information about the conference, how to participate in the StartRight! Business Plan Competition or to register, please visit: www.women-in-business.org

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES !

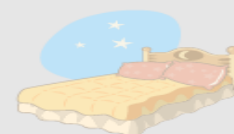


Urgent Call for Volunteers to Work with Victims of Sexual Assault; Interviews being conducted for next training - There is an urgent need for volunteers to assist sexual assault victims and their families through the Victim Assistance and Sexual Assault Program of the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services. Interviews are currently being conducted for the spring 2007 training session, which will begin this month. To learn more go to: http://montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=3069

The Montgomery County Department of Parks announces several volunteer opportunities that will get interested helpers out in the county's parks this spring, enjoying nature, getting some exercise, and learning more about the county's rich history. For more on volunteering with the Montgomery County Department of Parks call the Volunteer Services Office at 301-495-2504.

New Home Page Launched for Furniture Exchange

CMMC's Furniture Exchange is always in need of good, usable bedroom, living room, dining room, and kitchen furnishings. Right now, we are especially in need of beds: twin, double, queen-sized or bunk type. And now you can go to our new Home Page for Furniture Exchange. It's called SHAREmc.com. Learn what we need and how you can donate. A simple form allows you to tell us what you have to share. Or, as always, you can call **240-361-1736**. We hope to hear from you soon at SHAREmc.com!



LIBRARY NEWS!



Bagels and Business Breakfast - Former Federal Communications Commission Chairman Reed Hundt will discuss his new book, "In China's Shadow: The Crisis of American Entrepreneurship," at the Bagels and Business Breakfast to be held at the Rockville

Library on **March 14, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.** Sponsored by Montgomery County Public Libraries, Rockville Economic Development, Inc. and the Rotary Club of Rockville, the Bagels and Business Breakfasts are a series of seminars and networking opportunities for Montgomery County businesses.

Teens Invited to Vote for Favorite Poster - More than 50 teens have submitted entries to the Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) Teen Summer Reading Poster Contest. Twelve of the entries have been selected as semi-finalists and will be posted on the MCPL homepage by March 5. Beginning on that date, teens are invited to go to www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library, click on Teensite, and vote for their favorite piece of art.

LIBRARY UPDATES http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Libraries/newsandevents/PR_list.asp

CALENDAR OF EVENTS ! Fairland Library : check it out at

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Libraries/branchinfo/branchevents.asp?branch=7>

White Oak Library : check it out at

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Libraries/branchinfo/branchevents.asp?branch=22>

Food & Entertainment



Toasting to St. Patrick's Day—

Any St. Patrick's Day celebration just wouldn't be complete without raising your glass and making a toast to good health and good friends. The question is, what should you put in the glass? *Check it out at* <http://allrecipes.com/HowTo/Toasting-to-St-Patricks-Day/detail.aspx>



We Want Your Feedback!

Are there County programs or information you would like to hear more about? Concerns that you would like to see addressed? We would like to hear from you so that we can plan events that better meet your needs.

The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center was designed to bring direct services to the East County and to bridge the distance between residents and the County government. Your suggestions, ideas, and recommendations are important to us in our planning efforts. Please bring them to our attention by emailing us at eastco.citizen@montgomerycountymd.gov or by calling 240-777-8400.



Quote of the Month!

"It's nice to be important, and it's more important to be nice"
- Unknown

If you have items that you would like to include in our newsletter please forward them to: eastcocitizen@montgomerycountymd.gov

Our next meeting of the East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB), will be held on **Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at 7:15PM** at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904 (240) 777-8400, Fax (240) 777-8410, TTY (240) 777-8418

To subscribe to our East County Newsletter, click <https://ext01.montgomerycountymd.gov/entp/s1p/esubpublic/newssubscriber.do>

To review our Welcome Page, click <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Content/RSC/EASTCO/welcome.asp>

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Consumer Tip of the Week !

After two snow events in the past two weeks along with cold weather, consumers need to make sure their vehicles are in proper working order. The last thing you want on a cold wet night is have your car break down and be stranded. Take the time necessary to check all the fluids, particularly the engine oil and washer fluids. Tire pressure and condition should also be checked. Remember cold weather causes tire pressure to drop and under inflated tires mean poor traction in wet conditions. Check the condition of wiper blades and replace if necessary. Make sure all of your lights are in proper working order. Do not put off regularly scheduled maintenance because of bad weather. If your battery is over three years old, have it tested to make sure it will start your car under the most stressful conditions.

Did you know?



An immense mausoleum of white marble, built in Agra between 1631 and 1648 by order of the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his favorite wife, the Taj Mahal is the *jewel* of Muslim art in India and one of the universally admired masterpieces of the world's heritage.

**East County Citizens
Advisory Board (ECCAB)**

Guests are invited to attend the East County Citizens Advisory Board meetings and encouraged to ask questions & provide comments.

If you have questions about an agenda item please contact :
Tel (240) 777-8400
Fax (240) 777-8410
TTY (240) 777-8418

*For special accommodations
please contact our office at least
72 hours in advance*

**Eastern Montgomery Regional
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Silver Spring, MD 20904**

**Tel (240) 777-8400 /Fax (240) 777-8410
TTY/TTD (240) 777-8418**

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/eastco
eastco.citizen@montgomerycountymd.gov

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

LOCATION

**Eastern Montgomery Regional
Services Center**

We are located off Route 29 at 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, between Robey Road and Gateshead Manor Way.

Directions from I-495, the Capital Beltway:
Take the Colesville Road (Rt. 29) exit, going north towards Columbia. Go about 6 miles and take the right exit going east on Briggs Chaney Road. Turn left onto Robey Road and then turn right into our facility. (You can also enter from Gateshead Manor Way.)

By Bus: We are next to the Briggs Chaney Park & Ride Lot, served by Metrobus lines Z6, Z8, Z11, & Z13; and by Ride On Route 39.

The People's Community Wellness Clinic

Primary Health Care Clinic for
uninsured and underinsured adults.

Call 301-847-1172 for appointments

**Monday-Friday
9 am – 4 pm**

Health & Human Services

Department of Health & Human Services
East County Regional Office
3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, MD 20904

Serving Zip codes: 20903, 20904, 20905, 20866, 20868.

**Most services by appointment only.
Please call ahead: 240-777-4470
Monday-Friday 9 am – 4 pm**

Police Third District – Briggs Chaney Substation

A community Police substation is located in our building at
3300 Briggs Chaney Rd.

For assistance, please call:
(240) 773-5800.

The main Police station for our area is:
Silver Spring Police Station,
801 Sligo Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910
(301) 565-7744

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web : <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/eastco>**

